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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: PRIMIN ECEVIT COMMENTS TO PRESS ON U.S. POLICY

1. PRIMIN ECEVIT ON MORNING AUG 15 MADE PRESS STATEMENT WHICH CONTAINS CERTAIN INACCURACIES. RESUME OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

"AS IS KNOWN, AMERICA IS FOLLOWING AN OPEN POLICY JUST AS MUCH AS TURKEY. WE RECEIVE THIS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION. IN THE MEANTIME, THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT HAS CLEARLY EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS ON THE SOLUTION TO BE FOUND TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CYPRIOT TURKS' LONG YEARS OF SUFFERING, THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO ACCEPTING (THE VIEW) THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE CONSISTING OF TWO AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS FOUNDED ON A GEOGRAPHIC BASIS IS THE MOST SATISFACTORY AND DURABLE SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS."

2. ADDING THAT U.S. HAD MADE CLEAR ITS PREFERENCE FOR REACHING SOLUTION NOT BY MILITARY OPERATIONS BUT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, ECEVIT WENT ON TO SAY:

"AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE ARE OF THE SAME OPINION ON THIS SUBJECT, AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE HAVE BEEN PATIENT ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE WEEKS SO THAT WE COULD SOLVE THIS AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

HOWEVER, WHEN WE COULDN'T FIND THIS POSSIBLE, WE WERE COMPELLED TO ACT DIFFERENTLY. THE TURKISH VIEW ON SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM THROUGH NEGOTIATION HAS NOT CHANGED. I REPEATED THIS ONCE AGAIN TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BE CONVEYED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE."

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